

NI PUKHA, NI PERA
Н и п у х а , н и п е р а
ニフーカ・ニペーラ







She
says

Don

What a
pretty girl
is she a
fan?



BA-DUMP

me

Am

What?

TURN



What?

Oh, yes.
I see I was
just talking.

??





Will you be
staying here?



I wanted
to come
for myself,
too



It's all
those were plans
for me to go to
school here
anyway, huh



I
see



I'm
wrong,
too

I
am,



But
we were a bit
on the road
to it

To
Kansas



Your
Face



Looks
really lovely,
though



What
about you?
It must be
much harder,
coming here all
the way from
Japan

Well
maybe a little
I guess
not



I left all
those feelings
behind

When I
decided I
wanted to
start over

Lonely!
There's no
reason I
could be



Loneliness
and everything



I wish I
had more
time

Just
once if I
could

You didn't
want to stay
at all?

Did
you?

I



I felt like
my reason
for being
there
was gone.

And the
thought of
staying started
to hurt.

?



Did you not
like it there
anymore?



No.
I loved it
still do.

Everything
I loved was
there.

I just
can't stand
to stay any
longer.



El El



I am



I really loved your drawing

to reach



Have
coming for
Japan?



EN



I
love
&
you

Thanks



from that
dazzling
world

I tore
myself

I loved
it too,
but



I wonder
what the
tightness in
my chest
is...





I thought her eyes looked so pretty





Might as
snuggle here
today was God
taking pity
on two lonely
kids



Beaming
through
our loneliness
and pushing
on.



Oh,
but I'd
better go
soon.



mind if
I keep
this?

Hey.



It's okay!
Don't worry
about it.

Your
handker-
chief?

GOZE...



Yours the first person I ever opened up to like this

BEAM



KISS



Huh?



Until then, I'll take good care of it, okay?



Maybe Fate will bring us together again



BLUSH



Yeah

It's Kawaii
gracing

See you
again!

Thank
you!



she
ran on
ahead



Without
looking
back
once.

whose name
I didn't
even know



That
blue-eyed
girl

If fate
brings us
together
again



Okay

Mom's
waiting for us,
so let's go



Nazomi
Sorry I
took so
long!



If it does,
I wonder



that girl
ran straight
towards



If I'll be
able to share
the future



I

Always
letting
Dad take
me by the
hand.

When
I grow up,
I'll pick
one place
and stay
there



Nazomi?



I want to
love someone
with all
my heart

I don't want
a life of
facing chance
encounters

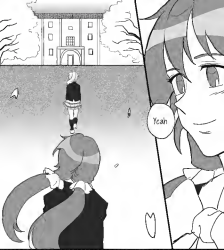












Neither feathers nor wings
Ни пуха, ни пера

Artist's Note

"A chance meeting as children" was this comic's premise
I figured as a kid, Nozomi wouldn't have that self-reliant spirit yet
It's definitely said a life spent dragged along after someone else

As for Eli, I thought her being more open and expressive as a kid would be cute
(Though of course she's cute when she's older, too)
Nozomi was probably KO'd on the spot

After parting ways with Nozomi, Eli was picked on by other kids in Japan, and spent too long thinking about the past,
and by the time she entered highschool she'd become a sulky, standoffish kind of person. Or that's how I see it, anyway
(Since I've only watched the anime, I only know that version of Eli... sorry)

Eli was truly glad she met Nozomi

In the time since they met, she'd shut off her heart to others so much, she didn't even realize what an adorable
babe Nozomi's grown into, but she still made sure to take good care of that handkerchief!
That's Eli for you

The title, "ni pukha, ni pora", means praying for someone's
good fortune in Russian, like "break a leg"
Literally, it means "nother fur nor feathers"
It originated as a sort of tongue blessing by hunters

While working on this, I thought that "fur" sounded kinda,
y'know... eh... so I reworked it a little bit

I hope this pair's good fortune will go on forever



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